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(c) whether the Government have taken any action on that application, and if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) Two sets of applications were received, one on 12th March 1954 and the other on 12th June 1954.

" (c) The Government have preferred an appeal against the orders of the Madras High Court granting permission to wind up the Madras Electric Tramways. Action for recovering the money due to the workers will be taken up after the appeal is disposed of."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I enquire whether it was not the attitude of the labour which mainly contributed to the stopping of trams and labour is the worst sufferer for it? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I may tell the hon. the Deputy Leader of the Opposition that it is a matter of opinion. Further this does not arise out of the main question."

SRI V. GURUNANDAN RAO :—" May I know whether there has been a stay of proceedings of the tribunal before an appellate court? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

SRI V. GURUNANDAN RAO :—" May I know what is the reason for waitinng for the disposal of the appeal in the absence of a stay order? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is a question of recovery. The High Court ordered the winding up of the Madras Electric Tramways. It is now felt that it would not be possible to recover the dues payable to the labourers. Therefore, the Government have preferred a ' Letters Patent ' appeal against the order of the High Court to wind up the Madras Electric Tramways. Further, the Commissioner of Labour is not able to verify the claims of the workers. He has suggested that the Industrial Tribunal, Madras, which has given the award, may be asked to determine the exact amount due to the ex-tramway workers and that the amount so fixed may be recovered under the provisions of the Act. But, Sir, in another case, the High Court has held that reference to a tribunal for elucidation or clarification of the provisions of the award of the tribunal is *ultra vires*. The Government have preferred another ' Letters Patent ' appeal against this order of the High Court. The Government have to wait for decisions on these two appeals before they can take further action."

SRI V. GURUNANDAN RAO :—" Is it meant then that the application by the workers did not contain the amounts due to them? " 3-20 p.m.